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DRAFT DECISION PRESENTED BY GHANA ON BEHALF OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77

Human development

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, 44/211 of 22 December 1989, S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries and 45/199 of 21 December 1990 containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Affirming the main objective of promoting international economic cooperation and the achievement of economic growth and development of developing countries,

Affirming also that economic growth is a means to development, together with enlarging peoples' choices and opportunities, equity, fair income distribution, development of human resources and increasing productivity,

Noting with concern that regional consultations called for in paragraph 2 of Governing Council decision 90/13 of 22 June 1990 were not fully carried out,

Taking into account the serious concerns expressed by delegations, during the deliberations on the annual report of the Administrator for 1990, pertaining to the Human Development Report 1991 and in particular the incorporation of the human freedom index,

1. Requests the Administrator, using the resources allocated under category C1. of the proposed earmarkings for fifth cycle Special Programme Resources contained in decision 91/3 of 22 February 1991, to convene intergovernmental regional consultations through the regional bureaux prior to further work by the Administrator on this issue, in order that specific human development concerns and priorities of developing countries can be taken into account as appropriate;

2. Reiterates its request to the Administrator to inform the Governing Council of the outcome of these consultations at its thirty-ninth session in order to facilitate a decision on future work in the area of human development and to take fully into consideration the views expressed by delegates on this issue during the deliberations at the thirty-eighth session of the Council;

3. Further requests the Administrator not to incorporate a human freedom index in future United Nations Development Programme reports and studies without a clear mandate from the Governing Council.